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1. UK Patent Publication No. 2 328 309 A, published February 17, 1999.
2. European Patent Publication No. 0 843 360 A1, published June 17, 1998.
3. World Intellectual Property Organization Patent Publication No. WO 01/88790 A1, published November 22, 2001.

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4. World Intellectual Property Organization Patent Publication No. WO 98/47116,  
published October 22, 1998.
5. United States Patent No. 5,878,337, issued March 2, 1999.
6. French Patent Publication No. 2 792 143, published October 13, 2000.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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